

**TORCHWOOD: ABSENT FRIENDS** by James Goss**SCENE 1. INT. THE HUB.****DEVIN:**

(NARRATION) The next sounds you hear will be sadness

FX: THE HUB DOOR OPENS

**DEVIN:**

(NARRATION) Listen again. Can you hear it saying "no"?

FX: THE HUB DOOR OPENS AGAIN. THE COGS SAY "NO".

FX: JACK SPRINGS THROUGH

**JACK:**

Ianto! That psychic cloud is worse -

FX: HE CHECKS A COMPUTER

**JACK:**

Yep - Tosh's monitor says it's peaking on the Vantalla scale. Still. Nothing we can't handle.

FX: JACK STRIDES THROUGH

**JACK:**

Ianto?

FX: JACK MARCHES ON

**JACK:**

Are we playing naughty hide and seek? Because it's finders keepers, losers weepers and I in a winning mood today and -

**SCENE 2. INT. JACK'S OFFICE (cont)**

FX: JACK BOUNDS IN. STOPS. THE DOCTOR IS AT HIS DESK. FEET ON IT.

**JACK:**

oh.

**DOCTOR:**

Uh-Oh. You found me! (SUCKING) Boiled sweet?

**JACK:**

Doctor.

**DOCTOR:**

Jack.

**JACK:**

You're sitting in my chair.

**DOCTOR:**

Feet on your desk. Naughty. Here I am. In the heart of Torchwood! An organisation dedicated to hunting me down. Well, you got me.

**JACK:**

Why -

**DOCTOR:**

Why am I here? Because this city is in trouble. Torchwood? Torchwood really needs a Doctor. And I'm ready.

**OPENING TITLES**